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**Subject**: Re: Biweekly with Denise and Benita

## Here you go:

## **Bristol Bay**

- We received the Final Peer Review Report on 9/17/12. We provided an overview and summary of its findings/recommendations during an extended BB briefing with senior management on 9/19/12. In response to a request, we are preparing a summary of the peer review report for senior managers.
- On 9/19/12, reps from the Alaska Conservation Foundation met with reps from EPA's BB assessment team and presented the latest findings of the hydrology modeling effort they are conducting for the mining scenario described in the BB assessment. They expect to submit a report of their work to EPA this week.
- On 9/20 and 9/21, reps from the BB assessment team met in Potomac Yard to discuss revisions to the mining scenario described in the BB assessment.
- On 9/20, EPA reps met with reps from BBNC and TU. BBNC and TU were in town for a series of meetings with folks on Capitol Hill and at the WH concerning BB.
- On 9/21, EPA reps met with reps from WWF regarding WWF's interest in protecting the BB's fishery resources. WWF highlighted an economic study that is published earlier this year describing the economic value of BB's fishery resources.
- On 9/24, Rep Issa, Chairman of the House Oversight and Gov Reform Committee, sent EPA an extensive Information Request regarding information related to the peer review process for the BB assessment including:
- o A list of similar watershed assessments undertaken by EPA, including the length of time it took to complete those assessments.
- o A transcript of all sessions of the peer review meeting on August 7-9, 2012, including the August 9th closed-door session as well as any other closed-door meetings between the peer review panel and EPA.
- o All documents and communications referring or relating to the peer review panel's review of the Bristol Bay watershed assessment, including communications between the peer reviewers and EPA, as well as internal EPA communications.

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Subject: Biweekly with Denise and Benita

Attached is the biweekly from September 14, 2012 please review and send your edits and comments to me by 12noon on Wednesday September 26. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me and email message.

Thank You.

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